## Child Emergency Preparedness Committee Announces New Website

The Connecticut Child Emergency Preparedness Committee (CEPC) recently launched a new <u>website</u> that connects visitors concerned with children's emergency preparedness to an extensive array of resources offered by federal, state and community-based organizations.

"When it comes to preparing for natural and man-made disasters, children have distinct needs that must be addressed," said CEPC co-chairperson Deb Flis. "CEPC's new website provides easy access to a wealth of resources that will be invaluable to educators, state agencies, social service organizations and families as they develop and refine their plans to keep children safe during emergencies."

The website provides links to resources that cover an array of areas including:

- planning in settings where children are served
- active shooter/intruder preparedness
- behavioral health and emotional support for children and families
- resources for special populations

CEPC is an ESF 5 advisory committee to the Statewide Emergency Management and Homeland Security Advisory Council, which reports to the State Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS). CEPC advises DEMHS on planning and activities for children and youth as part of homeland preparedness and emergency response planning for natural and man-made disasters.